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Honorable Commissioner of  
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on 2 October 2004  
R.B. SHERER  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International (PCT)  
Application, which is filed herewith, as follows:

In order to reduce the filing fee, and also improve the  
form of the claims and thereby expedite the prosecution,  
please cancel Claims 1 - 13 and substitute new Claims 14 - 20.

List of Claims

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claims 14 - 20 (New)